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**Education Committee**

Wednesday  
11 Jan 2023  
0900-1130

Online Via Zoom: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82789080665>

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Amy Drinkwater, Dennis Russel, Ben Zetterman, Mike Drinkwater, Paul Froman, Stephanie Cordwell, Sally Taylor, Joanne Lebrun, Brian Chamberlin, Stephen Smith  
**Members Absent:** Aiden Koplovsky, Cathy Gosselin, David Mejia, Leah Mitchell  
**Staff:** Chris Azevedo, Marc Minkler, Anna Massefski  
**Stakeholders:** Fred Porter, AJ Gagnon, Eric Wellman

*“The mission of Maine EMS is to promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care with standards for all providers. All members of this board/committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board/Committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”*

**I. Call to Order:**

a. Meeting is called to order at 0902 by Amy Drinkwater, and roll is called.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

a. Approval of December meeting minutes  
i. Motion to approve December 2022 meeting minutes made by Joanne Lebrun and seconded by Dennis Russell. No discussion. Motion carries.

**III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

a. None

**IV. State Update:**

a. Chris Azevedo  
i. MDPB ALS Representative  
1. There are eleven candidates. Six candidates were interviewed yesterday. There are five more to be interviewed. Goal is to have selection for February MDPB meeting.

ii. Bulletins

1. Maine EMS has recently issued three clinical bulletins:
  - a. Midazolam
  - b. High-Flow Nasal Cannula
  - c. Bronchiolitis FAQ

iii. Protocols

1. The next stakeholder forum is tomorrow at noon
2. Protocol sections which have been completed include:
  - a. Gold, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue. Finishing up Red
3. Submission and feedback for protocol change suggestions has been good. Several approved changes came from providers.
4. Work continues on Pink and Brown/Black/Grey. Estimate reviews completed for April.

iv. NREMT

1. New online test items. Introduction as part of overall revisions for ALS and BLS examination processes.
  - a. Technology Enhanced Items (TEI). Utilize technology to deliver different question types besides traditional multiple choice. Idea is to enhance ability to bring decision-making evaluation questions closer to situations encountered in clinical practice
  - b. Link:  
[https://www.nremt.org/Document/TEIs?fbclid=IwAR1n7SW2Ut0ZdDRN\\_F8ka8Ch\\_aTQpoMpFuNiaqZXdrfyt6pb4eCWoS5TAt0](https://www.nremt.org/Document/TEIs?fbclid=IwAR1n7SW2Ut0ZdDRN_F8ka8Ch_aTQpoMpFuNiaqZXdrfyt6pb4eCWoS5TAt0)
  - c. Types
    - i. Build list
    - ii. Sequencing
    - iii. Drag-and-drop
    - iv. Check box
  - d. These are item types which have been around in technology for some time but have never been incorporated into the NREMT evaluation process. Many services (including fire departments) have included these item types for some time in their own LMS courses and other blended competency and other evaluations.
  - e. Maine EMS does not have the staffing or staffing expertise on board to support an exam like this.
    - i. This technology is great.
    - ii. In the future, it is hoped that we can incorporate items like this in our LMS training activities when staffing and budget allows.
2. AEMT Student Minimum Competencies Project

- a. An AEMT SMC Task Force consists of subject matter experts from NASEMSO, CoAEMSP, NAEMSE and the National Registry is a starting point of **collaboration with State EMS Offices and AEMT educational programs** to improve the evaluation and documentation of student minimum competencies with evidence-based guidelines.
    - b. The Task Force has drafted the AEMT Student Minimum Competencies (SMC), a guidance document based on the Paramedic Student Minimum Competencies (SMC) template, using the National EMS Scope of Practice
    - c. The AEMT Student Minimum Competencies advisory document **will replace the psychomotor examination requirement** once the new performance examination is in place on July 1, 2024.
  - v. New Training Centers
    - 1. Applicants
      - a. CTEs – this is coming
      - b. One organization from New Hampshire
    - 2. Challenges with new applicants
      - a. Conceptualization and training for portfolios
      - b. TC standards revisions
      - c. Staffing resources
  - vi. Instructor Coordinator training
    - 1. CEH classes
      - a. Westbrook – 13 Jan; 3 Feb
      - b. NAEMSE Level 1 – SMCC 28 – 30 April
        - i. Some confusion by a service chief on social media who thought this was a 16-hour Instructor certification course and got upset because she needed 24 just to renew her current license.
      - c. Requirements
        - i. Renewals after July 2022 will need 16 hours CEH, which is reduced from the former 24 hrs.
      - d. If anyone has questions about instructor requirements or classes, please refer them to Maine EMS or the course instructor.
  - vii. Lost Authorization To Test forms.
    - 1. If you are conducting PSE classes, please emphasize the importance of holding onto these forms.
    - 2. They call me with no information – including old exam results. DIFFICULT.
- b. Marc Minkler
  - i. Started national EMS pediatric education survey that focuses on types, amount of pediatric education is happening throughout state and nation.

Asks if you are a service leader, please respond to the survey. This information spurs the education initiated and conducted by EMS-C program.

- ii. Attended December NASEMSO Board of Directors meeting in Washington, DC. We elevated education in the NASEMSO national spectrum from being a committee to being a council. Discusses.
- c. Anna Masefski
  - i. Would like to discuss explorer program with EdComm at a future date.

**V. Old Business:**

- a. Selection of new committee Co-Chair
  - i. Amy Drinkwater leads candidate interview process.
    - 1. For each interview, all non-committee members, and the interview candidates are put in the waiting room.
    - 2. Each candidate is in the active zoom room with the committee as they are interviewed by Amy Drinkwater and the committee members.
  - ii. Committee comes out of executive session.
  - iii. Motion is made by Steve Smith to submit Sally Taylor's name to the EMS Board as Co-Chair of the Education and Examination committee. Motion seconded by Stephanie Cordwell. Motion carries.
  - iv. Committee chair and Office Liaison will take the submission to the Board Chair for approval.
- b. Review of Training Center Standards document revisions
  - i. Chris Azevedo shares his screen. Eric Wellman discusses INTERP #8 Fair Practices with the group.
    - 1. Stopped review at #5 Enrollment Policy

**VI. New Business**

- a. None

**VII. Next Meeting**

- a. Date and time: Wednesday, 8 Feb 2023

**VIII. Adjournment:**

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Russell and seconded by Paul Froman.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 1102 hrs.